



35th Meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP)
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Room No. 407, 4th floor, Bremen Cotton Exchange
Bremen, Germany
13:00 to 14:45

Agenda

1. Composition of the PSAP

Ten nominations have been received from member governments for 2015/16: Steven Shiou-Chung Chen; Fatih Dogan; Ahmed Elbosaty; Henning Hammer; Adam Kay; Masood A. Majeed; João Luiz Ribas Pessa; Alois Schönberger; Antonios Siarkos; and Allen A. Terhaar. Upon recommendation of the PSAP, the Standing Committee has granted permanent observer status to the International Cotton Association and the International Textile Manufacturers Federation.

2. Economic study on the factors underlying the growth of polyester production and demand

In its 34th Meeting, the PSAP recommended that the ICAC undertake an economic study on the factors underlying the growth of polyester production and demand. This recommendation was approved and mentioned in the Final Statement of the 74th Plenary Meeting. PSAP members will discuss the terms of reference of the study, responsibilities for its execution and possible sources of funding.

3. Efficiencies in cotton trading

- a. Fumigation (Verbal report from the Executive Director)
- b. Phytosanitary certificates

4. Terms of Reference of the PSAP

As part of the negotiations for the accession of the European Union to the ICAC, possible changes to the Terms of Reference of the PSAP are being discussed. ICAC Members and the European Commission are keen to preserve the diversity of viewpoints within the PSAP and desire to know the opinions of Panel members on how to best achieve this goal.

5. Membership in the PSAP

The ICAC has 35 members, but only 10 have nominated representatives to the PSAP. PSAP members will discuss ways to broaden the representativeness of this body.

6. ICAC Business Plan: priorities for spending

Verbal report from the Executive Director.

6. Administrative Issues

- a. Next meeting: at the 75th Plenary Meeting, Islamabad, Pakistan. Date and time to be determined.